

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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With just three days to go until the end of term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly incredible year at OLSP. We are so proud of everything the children – and the whole school community – have achieved together.

Celebrating Success - This year, we surpassed national averages in phonics, Key Stage 2 SATs, and attendance – an outstanding testament to the hard work and commitment of our pupils, staff, and families. These milestones reflect the determination, resilience, and enthusiasm that shine through in our school every day.

We also want to thank those of you who responded to our recent parent questionnaire. While it's given us a few areas to work on (and we welcome that), we were deeply encouraged to see that not one parent disagreed that their child is happy at our school. That, above all, is our most important goal – and one we will continue to prioritise in everything we do.

Farewell, Year 6 - We cannot end the year without a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We will miss them greatly, but they leave us with memories of joy, laughter, and true team spirit.

They certainly ended the term in style, with a fabulous and wildly entertaining performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – a production full of imagination, energy, and fun. They also enjoyed a well-earned trip to Splashdown after reaching their impressive class goal of 97% attendance for the year. This was a true team effort, with every pupil playing their part and supporting one another all the way through. We are so proud of them.

What's Coming Up - Although we're nearly there, the next few days are still packed with special events:

- Monday (15th July) – Young Enterprise Event for Years 5 & 6 from 2:30pm. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. **Please note that all children must be collected from their classrooms on this day.**
- Tuesday (16th July) – Leavers' Mass – a beautiful and reflective moment to say goodbye.
- Wednesday (17th July) – Leavers' Assembly – a chance to celebrate and remember our Year 6 stars. You may want to bring tissues!

Looking Ahead to September The children return to school on **Thursday 4th September**. Please use the summer break to ensure everyone is ready in full school uniform. A reminder that all Key Stage 2 pupils will be expected to wear a shirt and tie after the October half term – we appreciate your support in maintaining high standards of presentation and pride.

Finally, we want to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers. Your encouragement, involvement, and support make a huge difference every single day. We simply couldn't have achieved what we have this year without you.

Wishing you all a relaxing, joyful summer.

With warmest wishes, **The Staff Team at Our Lady and St Patrick's**

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6

3 days to go. We will miss them all and know that each one has so much to offer the world.



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Summer Holiday Prayer

Loving Father,

Thank You for the gift of summer and the fun days ahead.

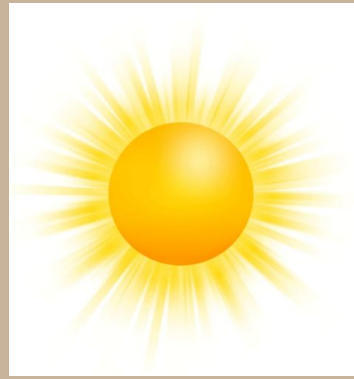
Thank You for our teachers, our friends, and all we learned this year.

Please bless our families and keep us safe wherever we go.

Help us to rest, play kindly, and remember You in all we do.

May we return refreshed, ready to learn, and full of joy.

Amen.



NURSERY

WELL WHAT A FUN YEAR IT HAS BEEN WITH OUR NURSERY CHILDREN, MYSELF AND MARY HAVE HAD A GREAT YEAR TEACHING OUR LITTLE STARS THEY HAVE ALL GROWN SO MUCH AND HAVE AMAZED US EVERYDAY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM. WE WISH THEM ALL THE VERY BEST IN RECEPTION. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!



REC & YEAR 1

We have really enjoyed designing our fruit salad, then making it, tasting it and evaluating as part of our Design and Technology learning. We had a vast amount of fruit to choose from - thank you for your support with this.

We have been practising our musical showcase which we are performing to the rest of the school this week.

As this year draws to a close, we thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing your children in September when they start their journey into Year 1/2 .





Year 1 & 2



This week, the children in Mars class got to make their salads! A few weeks ago, they designed their salads, including whether to make a fruit or savoury salad. This week they had to use their cutting, peeling and grating skills to make their salad. They also got to taste them which was yummy!



YEAR 3 & 4

The children had a fantastic time designing and making their own sandwiches this week as part of our D&T unit. There was a great mix of creativity, enthusiasm, and resilience on display.

Best of all, they loved tasting their creations... so there's officially *no excuse* for the children to not to make their own sandwich at home now!



YEAR 5

The children had a fantastic time designing and making their own soups this week as part of our D&T unit. There was a great mix of creativity, enthusiasm, and resilience on display. Best of all, they loved chopping, smelling, and tasting lots of different vegetables throughout the day. They really enjoyed their delicious creations.



YEAR 6

It is hard to know what to put in the newsletter this time as Y6 have been up to so much. We will really miss each one of them. It has been a fabulous year. We are particularly proud that 14 children achieved their Torbay and Devon Civic awards and 8 were able to attend a presentation evening at St Cuthbert Mayne in Torquay. The children worked incredibly hard to achieve these. Also with final SATS results landing, they had great fun creating 'SATS snow' out of all the practice test papers used across the year - the tidying up wasn't so fun though!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	07.07.25	14.07.25
Value	Justice	Love
Stars	Mia H	Arthur
Moons	Wilma	Rune
Mars	Samuel	Issac
Saturn	Max C	Ted
Neptune	Hollie	Darcey
Supernova	Seb	Freddie

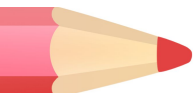


STAR OF THE WEEK

	07.07.25	14.07.25
Stars	Theo	Billy
Moons	Kaleb	Evie
Mars	All of Mars	Isla
Saturn	Arlo P	Izzy
Neptune	Beloved	Ethan
Supernova	Daniel	Daniel



Diary Dates



		22nd November	5 - 7pm Christmas light switch on and lantern parade
21st July	3:15 - 4pm Enterprise Selling Event Y5 and 6	Mon 26 Jan - Fri 30 Jan 2026	Year 6 Residential - Grenville House
22nd July	9 - 10am End of year mass - whole school 2 - 3pm Year 6 water fight on the school field 1 - 2pm Ice-cream and games for 99% and 100%ers (attendance)	Mon 28 Sept - Fri 2 Oct 2026	Year 6 Residential - Barton Hall
23rd July	Last Day of Summer Term 9 - 10am Leavers assembly		
4th Sept	First day of term		

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."- Roald Dahl

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

Summer Book Quest at Teignmouth Library

It is that time again where the summer book quest kicks off at your local library. Please click thick link to a short video that gives an [overview of the Summer Book Quest](#). The library reading challenge aims to encourage reading for pleasure over the summer across Devon and Torbay. See the poster for information about the fun launch day too.

The theme of this year's challenge is 'The Deep Sea Adventure'. The launch day will be 12th July, and the challenge will run until 6th September. Children can register at any point during that time. However, **anyone that registers at Teignmouth Library by 19th July will go into a prize draw to win two tickets to Crealy.**

To complete the challenge, children need to do three things.

1. Visit a library (as many times as they like over the summer)
2. Read what they love - there's no set number of books this year. They can choose to log the number of books read, or the number of times they have read over the summer.
3. Take part in one or more related activities - these could be reading to a pet; trying a water activity; visiting a lighthouse; or writing a book review.

Teignmouth Library - Libraries Unlimited 01626 774646 librariesunlimited.org.uk

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THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST

TEIGNMOUTH LIBRARY

SATURDAY 12TH JULY | FROM 09.00AM

SIGN UP TO THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST FROM 09.30AM UNTIL 12.30PM.

SEASIDE FUN THEMED LEGO & DUPLO 10.00AM -12.00PM (DROP-IN SESSION)

WATER SAFETY WITH THE RNLI 10.30AM-11.30AM

LIFEBOAT CRAFT ACTIVITY 11.00AM -12.00PM (£2 PER CHILD. BOOKING ESSENTIAL - BOOK IN LIBRARY, OR VIA EVENTBRITE)

CHARACTER TRAIL AROUND THE LIBRARY

News from the Friends

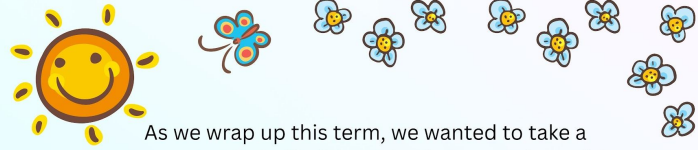
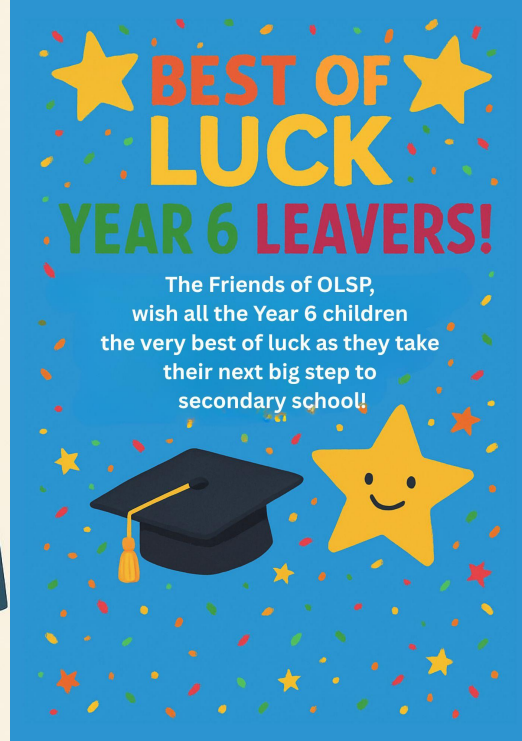
PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

If anyone is needing uniform for the new school year, please get in touch through our Pre-Loved Facebook page.

facebook.com/share/15hv86LL8Y



✦ *Great Prices!* ✦



As we wrap up this term, we wanted to take a moment on behalf of the Friends to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our events over the past few months, it's certainly been busy!

We've raised an impressive amount, and every penny will go directly towards enriching the school experience for all our children.

We're already starting to plan for next year, and we'd love to welcome new faces to the Friends. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's always a way to get involved – your involvement makes a big difference.

The AGM will be held in September- more details to follow.

We wish you all a happy and sunny summer break. Thank you once again for your support this term.

Lucy, Cara, Deb & Ivan





**Cake Sale
N/R/yr1
£56.50**



**Bag 2
school
£10.00**



**Pre-loved
Uniform Sales
£5.50**

**Summer
BBQ
£2923.56**



**National
donut Day
£58.23**



**SUMMER TERM
TOTAL RAISED
£3570.24**



**Schools Out
Disco
£150.00**



**Fathers Day
Gift Shop
£121.06**

**Tuck Shop
TBC**



**Sports Day
refreshments
£98.63**



**Ice Pop
Fridays
£146.76**



Summer Holiday Play Day at Abbey Park for children and families

on Monday 28 July from 11.00am – 2.00pm

Do come along, bring a picnic lunch and join in **FREE**



Abbey Park and Meadows is situated on Torquay Seafront, Torbay Rd, Torquay TQ2 5DG.
The closest carpark alongside the park is in Belgrave Road

This event is being supported by: Torre and Upton Community Partnership Greenspace Forum
Torquay Town Centre Community Partnership Tonic Creatives SWISCo Play Torbay
Torbay Council Torbay Communities Local volunteers

Drum Lessons
Now offered
at school.

For more info contact Ben at:
devondrumschool@gmail.com
Tel:
07966-488481



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Music Mark's campaign
on sustainability in
music education

Guitar Lessons

Individual and group
lessons now being
offered in school
with Mr Hopkins

To sign up or
for more
information
contact Mr
Hopkins on
07979 148929
or
[shopkins2112@
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School Website Free App

Parents and Carers have access to a free app, linking you to our School Website. If you download the app, you will receive a notification every time information is added or updated on our website. This is a very useful tool that we are hoping as many Parents and Carers will make use of as possible. Please use the qr code below to access the download. Or search for “eSchools Lite” in the **App Store**

(**Apple**) or **Google Play (Android)**



Free behaviour support resources for schools and families

Have you heard of **My Family Coach**? It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team here at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you and the families you support can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more: Relationships, Communication, Mental wellbeing, Friendships, Bullying, Calming down, School life, Healthy living, At risk behaviour, Screen time.

And for this time of year, families might find articles on **understanding behaviour, managing changes to routines, how to enjoy a family Christmas, using family support for childcare in the holidays, supporting your child through the holidays** or **why self care isn't selfish** helpful.

It's all available 24/7 and completely free! To access the platform as a parent or a school, simply visit the **My Family Coach website** and create an account.

Are you missing out?

More money for your school!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



More teachers, trips, and activities!



Check your eligibility today for Free School Meals

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!



ATTENDANCE

Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.



CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found [here](#) -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.